WHEREAS, Uncontrolled fires continue to place a costly drain on the economy of our State with the tragedy of fourteen deaths this past year by fire, in addition to property losses of $9,371,622.00; and,

WHEREAS, The loss of these lives and property should serve to make all of our citizens more aware of the causes of fire, and cooperate with fire prevention officials in reducing the number of fires, thereby saving lives and property; and,

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week this year commemorates the Fifty-Second Anniversary of Fire Prevention; and,

WHEREAS, The theme for Fire Prevention Week this year is "Help Stop Fire":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7 to 13, 1973, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota, and call on all citizens of our State, singly and collectively as a State to support fire prevention through civic groups, local governments and fire prevention groups. Visit your local fire department and let them know they have your support. I also direct each State Agency to join in this effort to reduce the loss of life and waste of our resources caused by preventable fires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this Twenty-Eighth Day of
September, in the Year Of
Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred
and Seventy-Three.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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